

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-32 are currently pending. Claim 33 is hereby canceled. Claims 1, 13 and 25 are independent.

Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for noting that claims 1-32 claim allowable subject matter.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,658,045 to Jin.

Claim 33 is hereby canceled making the rejection moot and puts the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-32 are in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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